

## McCormick's Creek State Park

# September

Interpretive Center Hours: 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. **7 days a week!**

Look for our program schedules on the web: [www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/12066.htm](http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/12066.htm)

Our programs are free and open to the public after paying the park entrance fee. Please contact the Nature Center if you would like us to do a private program for your group- **812-829-4344**.

**\*\*Healthy Parks/Healthy People:** Look for HP/HP on the schedule to get "INshape" with us, and discover what it takes to keep a state park or reservoir healthy.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1: LABOR DAY!

- 11:00 a.m. Nature Scavenger Hunt-** Meet a naturalist at the Nature Center and start your hunt! Small prizes available...
- 2:30 p.m. Creature Feature: Spiny Softshell Turtle-** Nature Center. Meet our resident softshell turtles and learn about their interesting adaptations.

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

- 2:00 p.m. HUMMERS: Fuel Up! -** Nature Center. The Hummer vehicle and hummingbirds need a lot of energy to keep going; however a ruby-throated hummingbird has excellent fuel efficiency!

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

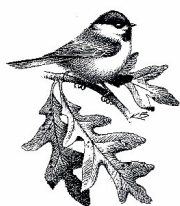
- 2:00 p.m. Snakes at McCormick's -** Nature Center. Take an especially close look at our Nature Center reptiles!

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

- 2:00 p.m. Owl Pellets:** Nature Center. Dig in to find out what the owls have been eating!

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

- 8:00 p.m. Sensing the Night-** Meet at the Canyon Inn front steps. We'll become more comfortable with the night by experiencing the senses of a nocturnal animal. 1 hr.



## Saturday, September 6 At McCormick's Creek State Park ***Friends of McCormick's Creek*** **5K Run & Walk**

Early Registration: \$20 (before August 29)

Race Day Registration: \$25

To Register: stop by or call the Owen County Family YMCA at 812-829-9622.

**Time: Race Begins at 8:00 a.m.**

**Walk Begins at 8:15 a.m.**

**Race Day Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. at Nature Center**



**ALSO ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6:** DNR INSHAPE DAY! Take a hike!

A Healthy Parks/Healthy People initiative. "Walk, hike, swim, ride, and relax your way to better health at your favorite state park or reservoir." Visit the DNR webpage:

[www.in.gov/dnr/healthy](http://www.in.gov/dnr/healthy) for more information

**10:00 a.m. INShape DNR Official Walk-** Not participating in the 5K this morning; rather take a hike? Hike with a naturalist on the accessible trail #8 through part of the Wolf Cave Nature Preserve and campgrounds. 1.5 miles in length. 1 hour.

**3:00 p.m. Animal Olympic Activities!-** Let the Nature Center be your headquarters for the 2008 Animal Olympics. See how far you can leap like a frog, run like a fox, reach like a tree, and much more! Everyone is welcome to compete...

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

**9:00 a.m. Worship Service.** Non-denominational. Nature Center Auditorium.

**2:00 p.m. Fall's Gold -** Learn which trees will color first and why gold is a harvest color! Nature Center.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

**1:00 p.m. A Quarryman's Tale-** Meet at the Canyon Inn front steps. Look at the life of a quarry worker in the late 1800's by looking at clues from the Statehouse Quarry area in the park with a naturalist. 1.5 hours.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

**Enjoy hiking trails -visit the Nature Center to see exhibits and watch birds.**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

**2:00 p.m. Sensory Hike-** Nature Center. Identify plants by using your sense of smell, i.d. birds by sound only, and learn what not to touch!

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

**2:00 p.m. Toad-ily Toads-** Nature Center. Can you get warts from touching a toad? We'll look at a live toad to uncover myths and learn more about this active amphibian!

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

**2:00 p.m. Nature's Harvestman- Craft-** Also known as Daddy Long Legs! Nature Center.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

**11:00 a.m. Pioneer Plant Uses-** Nature Center. Take a hike with a naturalist to look at plant uses that have made it through the test of time.

**2:30 p.m. Sassafras Beads!-** Nature Center. Learn the art of making beads out of local sassafras twigs! Make a bracelet, necklace, or keychain.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

**9:00 a.m. Worship Service.** Non-denominational. Nature Center Auditorium.

**10:00 a.m. Sunday's Songbird Coffee Connection-** Nature Center. Learn about the connection between coffee and songbirds over a cup o' joe!

**2:00 p.m. Beginning Birding-** Nature Center. Learn the six S's to success!

**3:00 p.m. Pine Cone Birdfeeder Project-** Nature Center. Make your very own to encourage woodpeckers and songbirds to your backyard habitat!

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15: FULL MOON

**1:00 p.m. Changing Seasons Hike-** Nature Center. Changes are happening everywhere, celebrate the changing seasons on this short walk.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

**2:00 p.m. Nature's Medicine Cabinet-** Nature Center. Find several plants that are part of Nature's First Aid Kit and learn how to use them.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

**2:00p.m. Geology Walk** –Walk on an ancient seabed of corals. Nature Center.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

**2:00 p.m. Forest Forage-** What are Nature's fall food specials? Nature Center.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

**10:00 a.m. Fall Migrants Bird Hike-** Meet at the Campground Gate. Hike to a local migratory songbird haven, the White River, to possibly catch a glimpse of these winged beauties.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

**10:30 a.m. Butterflies in Winter-** Nature Center. Take a closer look at butterflies and find out where they may go in the winter... handmade butterfly houses on sale after the program. Inquire at Nature Center.

**2:30 p.m. Corn Husk Figures-** Nature Center. Make a traditional pioneer craft. Sign up at the Nature Center prior to program.

**7:00 p.m. McCormick's Creek Concert Series→ The New City Quartet-** At the Park Amphitheater! Enjoy an evening of free music in the park. Donations accepted for the band.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

**9:00 a.m. Worship Service.** Non-denominational. Nature Center Auditorium.

**2:00 p.m. Fall Leaf Press Project-** Nature Center. Get ready for fall leaf collecting with your very own leaf press.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22: AUTUMN EQUINOX

**1:00 p.m. Fall Harvest Hike-** Nature Center.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

**Enjoy hiking trails- Visit the Nature Center to see exhibits and watch birds.**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

**2:00 p.m. A Quarryman's Tale-** Meet at the Canyon Inn front steps. Look at the life of a quarry worker in the late 1800's by looking at clues from the Statehouse Quarry area in the park with a naturalist. 1.5 hours.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

**Enjoy hiking trails – Visit the Nature Center to see exhibits and watch birds.**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

**Enjoy hiking trails and drop by the Nature Center for exhibits and birdwatching.**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

**11:00 a.m. Fall Colors Hike-** Nature Center.

**3:00 p.m. Leaf Hammering Project-** Nature Center. Make leaf imprints and have fun doing it! Materials limited, sign up at the Nature Center office prior to program!

**8:00 p.m. Night Owls Hike-** Meet at the Canyon Inn front steps. This short hike is for all those “night owls” out there who like to stay up late. Experience the night by using your senses!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

**9:00 a.m. Worship Service.** Non-denominational. Nature Center Auditorium.

**2:00 p.m. Falling into a new SEASON!-** Celebrate the changes of fall here at the nature center!

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

**1:00 p.m. Hike to the Falls –** Meet at Canyon Inn front steps. Geology, fossils and scenic beauty!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

**11:00 a.m. CCC History Walk-** Meet at Canyon Inn front steps. Hard-working CCC men in the 1930’s built trails, shelters, and made a lifelong impact on McCormick’s Creek State Park.